

Long awaited move begins

CTUS to close computer labs

by Joe Rodriguez

The long awaited opening of the new computer education building is scheduled for Oct. 16.

According to Walt E. Miner, director of Computing, Telecommunications and User Services, all computer systems and lab areas in the new M-Building will be operational by 8 a.m.

CTUS staff began moving in on Oct. 6 and will continue through Oct. 16.

According to Miner, between Oct. 12 to 16 there will be no computer lab services

available at Purdue University Calumet.

All computer labs in Gyte and Anderson buildings will shut down by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12.

He said that office file servers across the campus would not be affected, just the lab server, and the LAN system for labs.

Miner explained that micro-computers will be disconnected, moved and recon-

nected by CTUS staff.

He said main frames and VAX systems will be moved and connected by an outside professional engineering contractor.

Miner said there will be approximately 170 stations available on Oct. 16 and with growth, the M-Building will house 200 stations for student use.

According to Mike Tucker, a computer user consultant, no smoking will be allowed inside the student lounge on the first floor of the M-Building by order of

a memorandum from Chancellor Richard J. Combs.

"There will be no smoking in corridors between the Gyte Annex, Potter, and M-Buildings," said Tucker.

Two laser printers will also be available for students. The printers will operate with the use of photocopy credit cards.

The new lab hours for the computer education building beginning Oct. 16 are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 7:30 p.m.

Alexander works for more grants

by Erika Madison

Dr. Rinda Alexander's position as the resource person for writing grants and proposals has increased this fall from a quarter to a half-time position.

According to Alexander, this change means involving the faculty in the process of acquiring research and equipment grants.

Departments applying for grant money must submit a proposal to grant officials. Alexander's new job includes providing hands-on experience and training for faculty members applying for grants.

"I'm working on forming a grant writing group composed of faculty which allows us to offer a great deal of expertise for broad based grant activities at PUC," said Alexander.

The Grants and Proposals Office previously concentrated solely on providing information on grant activity and available grants.

Currently, Alexander is working with the Education Department to acquire a grant from IBM. The grant would be used for research in the gerontology field and other areas not yet determined.

Alexander is satisfied with PUC's success rate in acquiring grants and feels that it will continue to increase.

Alexander would still like to see grant activity increase. She feels that a full-time position would provide additional resources to the university as well as to individual departments.



Purdue students John Pellar and Craig Grabow were two of 75 protestors who rallied against the proposed opening of a hazardous waste incinerator which would produce coke for the steel and aluminum industries. See related story on page four.



The Gary Alliance for Responsible Development called the incinerator protest and learned more about the affects of the plant from Zemmer Morris, GARD member. See related story on page four.

Alumni to honor Friend at dinner

by Kathleen Benda
contributor

All students and alumni are invited to the 15th Annual Dinner of the Purdue Alumni Association/Calumet on Friday, Oct. 20, at Scherwood South in Schererville.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to John Friend, Director of Intramural, Athletic and Recreation Programs and Associate Professor of Health Physical Education and Recreation at Purdue University Calumet.

In addition, the 20 year reunion of the class of 1969 will be honored as well the graduating classes of 1974, 1979, and 1984 for their 15, 10, and 5 year reunions respectively.

Following the dinner and presentations, a short business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held with induction of new board members.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. for \$20 per person.

Reservations for the dinner are being accepted through Oct. 13 by calling 989-2414.

Popkin says that parenting is a skill

by Laura Dosado

It was not too long ago when the definition of parenthood was something that happened to a married couple. Now, some parents do not come in pairs and the rules that existed 25 years ago have become extinct.

It is not surprising that parenting is now considered a skill. Parenting will be taught at the Area Career Center Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

"The question is why wasn't parenthood taught as a skill before. Parenting is a job that requires skill," said the founder, author, and Director of Active Parenting

Inc., Dr. Michael Popkin.

The program, sponsored by the Hammond School System and The Hammond Chapter One, is entitled "Parenting For The 21st Century: Focusing On the Family." Popkin is the keynote speaker for the program.

The program treats parenting as a skill that can be improved with teaching of "Active Parenting." Active parenting shows that parents must be responsive and supportive of their children.

Active parenting involves reflective listening, communication, and encouragement which when used can produce chil-

dren that are courageous, cooperative, responsible, and confident at home and in school.

According to Popkin the techniques of active parenting take a month of practice to be utilized at home. The techniques at the program can be used on children from 2 to 17 years old.

The advocacy of the "Democratic" style of parenting will be discussed. The democratic style of parenting lets the child have freedom with parental permission.

More information about the program can be obtained by calling The Hammond Chapter One at 989-7370.

Editorials

Crosswalks improve with addition of stop signs

In the Sept. 13 issue of the *Chronicle* an editorial pointed out problems created when the Purdue University Calumet grounds crew, by order of Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Gary H. Newsom, removed stop signs on 171st Street and replaced them with flashing yield signs.

The stop signs were removed last spring when it was decided by the office of Administrative Services that flashing yield lights served the situation better than stop signs.

Physical Plant Director Larry Beck said the City of Hammond replaced the stop signs in September after residents and possibly students had complained about traffic ignoring the yield signs. Chancellor Richard Combs is presently trying to find out why the city replaced the signs without notifying the university.

After numerous complaints from students who were nearly victims of passing vehicles, and comments from faculty, employees of PUC and parents of day care children at the university, we decided to address the complaints.

Purdue Police Chief Glen Conor said motorists tend to ignore the stop signs anyway.

However, with stop signs the traffic must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, rather than cruise down 171st Street with no reason to slow down.

Pedestrians feel safer knowing that traffic needs to stop at the crosswalk.

We would like to applaud those citizens and students who voiced their opinion to the City of Hammond about the hazards of 171st Street with just the yield signs.

The City of Hammond should also be congratulated for reacting to the complaints.

Unfortunately, the stop signs may not be there much longer because university officials feel that the yield signs are the answer to the traffic problems on 171st Street.

We hope Vice Chancellor Newsom will recognize the possible hazardous situations which the absence of the stop signs might cause.

Obviously if enough phone calls to the Hammond city hall can make a change then the stop signs should remain.

Commentary

Secondary Education program isn't fulfilling student needs

by Ray Martinez

As a senior in English Teaching, I have been eagerly anticipating my graduation and entrance into the real world. Like any rookie, I felt ready to take on the world.

However, after meeting some graduates of the education program, I'm beginning to doubt my abilities. While I feel fairly comfortable with the methods and content of English teaching, I realize that I possess no background whatsoever in handling some of the problems which occur in many northwest Indiana school systems.

The problem may be widespread among all secondary education majors. If what the graduates say is true, a degree in teaching from this place is ideal if you plan to work in an ideal school system.

According to alumni I've spoken with, secondary teaching students are not receiving any instruction in areas such as teaching exceptional children, both gifted and remedial as well as those afflicted with learning disorders, and handling such topics as racism and teen pregnancy.

All of these problems occur in some degree in all of the school systems of northwest Indiana. However, Purdue University Calumet is having difficulty fulfilling its obligation to its surrounding neighborhoods.

With a strong contingent of Spanish

speaking people and a growing number of Asian residents in this region, it would seem logical for PUC to offer a class which deals with English as a second language. In my four years of study, this topic was alluded to only once and that consisted of a vague reference to its existence.

For those planning to teach in areas of ethnic diversity, it is imperative to recognize that many students are very intelligent even though they are not fluent in speaking standard English. Perhaps an ESL course would prevent inexperienced instructors from labeling kids as remedial achievers.

Most secondary education majors are required to attend a two week seminar which deals with teaching children who have physical handicaps or learning disabilities. Such a course should require a semester. Future teachers need to be fully aware of warning signs for things like dyslexia in order to correct a potential problem quickly.

Furthermore, the alumni suggested that teaching majors should be more adept at handling social issues such as bigotry. Students have enough concerns worrying about racial problems or another mouth to feed, let alone a quiz in algebra. A helpful teacher will try to utilize his or her talents to reduce these burdens, and should pos-

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Campus community should be involved in fight against coke plant

The proposed coke plant, to be located at the corner of Route 20 and Cline Avenue poses a clear threat to the health of all of the surrounding communities. The plant will be fueled with hazardous waste and may in fact be nothing more than a hazardous waste incinerator disguised as a production facility in order to evade federal regulations. In any event it will dump tons of toxic materials into the atmosphere we all breathe.

Evidently Lake County Carbon, the company which is opening the plant, the EPA, and the Gary City Council reason that because this is the third worst polluted area in the country no one will care. The EPA simply transferred to Lake County Carbon the permits from Kaiser Aluminum's old operations at that site. The Gary City Council has made it clear that for a paltry 150 jobs they are quite willing to tolerate an increase in birth defects, lung cancer and neuroblastoma.

The state of Indiana has hesitated to issue permits because of the rise of a grass roots movement to stop the plant from opening. We know from the experience of people in other parts of the country that it is possible to win this kind of fight. However, it will be necessary for all of the surrounding communities, which have long been racially divided, to unite. Lake County Carbon has been shameless in its attempts to exploit these divisions, but, as one of the speakers at the recent rally observed, "We all breathe the same air."

The plant is only three and a half miles from this campus. Students from all over the region come here. Schools are one of the few sources of independent expert information. For these reasons it is clear to us that the students, faculty and administration of Purdue University Calumet should play a significant role in the fight against the location of the coke plant at Route 20 and Cline Avenue.



sess some background in these areas.

It seems evident that these problems should be handled by the Educational Department. Many professors who teach Education agree, but the Education Department does not design the curriculum for secondary education. That honor belongs to the School of Liberal Arts, which feels that the emphasis of the curriculum should, for secondary education students, be on the material they will be teaching.

In fact, LAS has a good reason for this stance. According to school teachers in this area, many college graduates are entering the professional field with a substandard set of skills and knowledge of the subjects they plan to teach. Many professional educators urge colleges to stress

knowledge of content in any teaching degree.

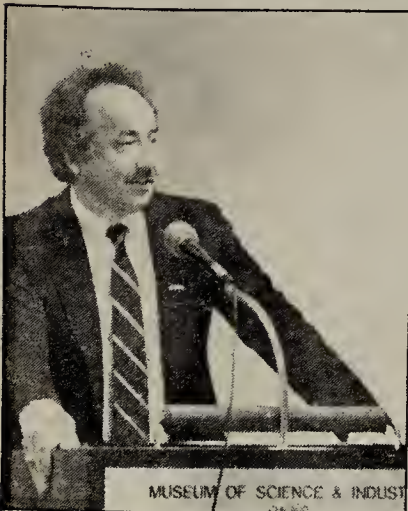
Both sides present good arguments, but, while they debate this dilemma, I, along with other new teachers will wander into the blackboard jungle feeling like a lost tourist. Worst of all, the students we plan to teach will suffer if we make a poor judgment call due to ignorance or inexperience.

I hope the two departments achieve a compromise soon. Perhaps this gap can be bridged if course outlines are reviewed to eliminate redundant material.

Above all else, they should remember a chapter from the Senior Methods course. According to the book and the instructor, the curriculum should be based upon the needs of its student. I admit it's not much to go on, but it's a start.

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Job fair expected to draw major corporations



Channel seven commentator Juan Andrade addresses the HACE seminar at the Museum of Science and Industry.

by Stacy Wernersbach

The Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement hosted a college relations seminar at the Museum of Science and Industry. This seminar was a pre-conference designed to prepare students for an up-coming job fair.

The job fair will take place at the annual conference sponsored by HACE. It is scheduled for Nov. 16 and 17 at the Palmer House in Chicago.

The purpose of HACE is to provide students with information about jobs, leadership development training, access to a vast professional network in the Chicagoland area and more.

The job fair is expected to attract 75 to 100 major corporations for recruiting interns, co-ops and permanent positions.

Students from other Chicagoland schools

were present at the fair, but Purdue University Calumet had the largest turnout with approximately 25 people.

Los Latinos attended, and participated in other HACE sponsored events.

PUC students and alumni have obtained internships, found co-op work and permanent positions through HACE.

HACE is dedicated to "promoting the

economic well being of the Hispanic community by providing Hispanics with support systems for professional career enhancement and advancement."

Although HACE is a Hispanic based organization, it is not limited to just Hispanic students. Other interested students are welcome.

AT & T Network Systems to present open house

AT&T Network Systems, Lisle, Ill., will present an "Open House" at Purdue University Calumet. The event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13, in Alumni Hall at noon and concludes at 5 p.m.

This event is targeted at computer science, electrical engineering, electrical engineering technology, information systems and computer programming and math majors. Freshmen through seniors and preparatory students are encouraged to attend.

Students should register for this event in the Office of Career Development and Placement, C-349. Students who are unable to attend the entire program, are encouraged to come for as much of the program as their schedule permits. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first serve basis.

The agenda for this program follows:
11:30 a.m. Registration, Alumni Hall

- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Keynote Address
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the Future"
- 1:30 p.m. Information about Presentations
- 1:45 p.m. Break
- 2 p.m. Concurrent Workshops I
 - a) "Why a Technical Career and Education"
 - b) "Preparing for a Career At Network Software Center"
 - c) "Working at the NSC"
- 3 p.m. Concurrent Workshops II
(see above)
- 4 p.m. Concurrent Workshops III
(see above)
- 5 p.m. Reception

For additional information contact Michelle T. Verduzco or Beth Pellicciotti, Office of Career Development and Placement C-349, or phone ext. 2419.

column

Oaken Arbor makes a bad first impression

by Cliff Koleski

Something's gone bad in the Oaken Arbor Cafeteria and I think maybe it's the food. I, myself, being a freshman, have just recovered from the trauma of high school cafeteria food, and now I am subjected to this.

Don't get me wrong, not all of the food is bad, mainly the hamburgers. If I ever get a flat tire I know exactly where I'm heading. You could strap a few fifth-

pounders to your flat and drive for miles.

Sure, there are other places in the area to eat, but who wants to give up their cherished parking space. A friend and I were discussing the food and he said that it has improved tremendously. Dare I ask what it used to be like?

Compliments are due on the salad bar, they always seem to have a variety, but enough about the food. The atmosphere in the dining area is a welcome change from the clinical rooms we had in high school.

The prints on the walls add a little class and the dim lighting reduces the strain on eyes from the florescent lights in the classrooms. I guess after a while I'll get used to the food, and maybe even like it, but let's not press things.

Alcohol Awareness Week plays large role at PUC

by Michelle Brzycki

Students will be participating in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by promoting "Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week" October 16 - 22.

Activities on Purdue University Calumet campus will coincide with similar student efforts nationwide during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Student events will stress education and the individual's ultimate responsibility in making well-informed, responsible decisions.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness week will provide various lectures, movies, and information booths available to students, faculty and staff. The activities will be aimed towards prevention through

education and individual responsibility in connection with the use of alcohol and drugs.

Also, this year PUC will participate in a Red Ribbon Campaign on October 23. "The Red Ribbon Campaign allows the University to participate in awareness of drug and alcohol prevention regionally and nationally," said Charles Stephens, director of Community Services.

PUC will be decorated with red ribbons and students supporting Red Ribbon Day will wear a red ribbon in honor of alcohol and drug prevention.

Faculty and staff will receive red ribbons through campus mail and students can pick up red ribbons at the information center in the library building.

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Briefly.....

Health Career Fair

The Health Career Fair will be on Monday, Oct. 16, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

The fair is sponsored by the Nursing Department and the Career Development and Placement Office.

Bible Study Union

The Bible Study Union is having Bible studies every Monday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in C-311. The topic of our studies this semester is spiritual warfare.

On Oct. 21, we will be going to see Christian comedian Mike Warnke at Portage High School. Admission is free.

On Oct. 23, The B.S.U and Inter-Varsity will be hosting a movie called "If God were a Circle" in C-100 at noon.

For more information, contact Roni Gracz through the Student Activities Office, C-325, ext. 2369.

Sports Shorts

Women's Basketball

Any student interested in trying out for the women's varsity basketball team should contact Coach Stacey Zurek at 989-2540.

Pep Band

Students interested in forming a pep band to play at home basketball games should contact John Friend or Bill Crowley at 989-2540.

Men's Soccer Club

The men's soccer club is away at National College of Education Sunday Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. They close the season at home against National College of Education on Thursday Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

All home games are played on the athletic fields adjacent to the Physical Education and Recreation Building.

Laker Notes

The women's volleyball team hosts Grace College Thursday Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Physical Education and Recreation Building. This is a northern region qualifying match and everyone is welcome at no charge.

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Proposed coke plant draws protestors

by Ruth Turpin and Joe Rodriguez

A group of 75 people participated in a march called by the Gary Alliance for Responsible Development on Oct. 2 to protest the proposed opening of a coke plant that would burn hazardous waste.

The plant is located on route 20 on the Gary side of Cline Ave on the site of the old Kaiser aluminum plant. The plant would produce coke for the steel and aluminum industries.

According to Lake County Carbon officials, the plant would employ 150 people. The protesters held a rally on a lot next to the site and listened to speakers talk about the effect the new plant would have on the environment and surrounding communities.

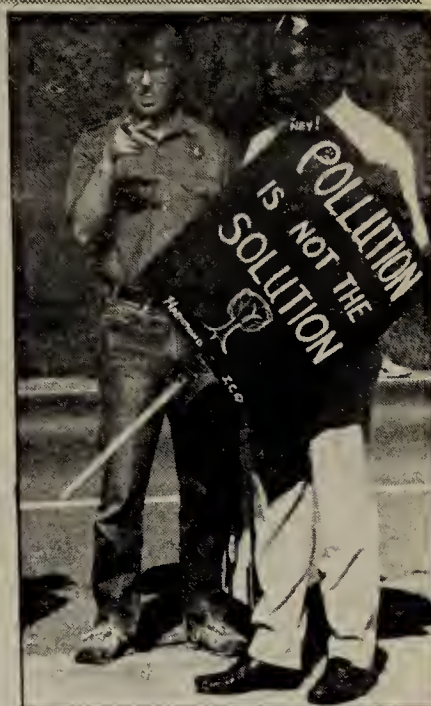
Zemmer Morris, a member of GARD, spoke about the racial division that exists between the communities that would be affected.

She said, "They are not going to divide us. We all breathe the same air."

Sue Greer, a member of People Against Hazardous Landfill Sites also addressed the group. She said, "Shutting down a site that is legally running is much more difficult than shutting it down before it starts."

Lin Kaatz Chary, a member of GARD said, "Lake County Carbon has told us that they will monitor this plant. They are telling us that they will shut down a \$9 million investment [if it is unsafe]. Well that's like the fox selling you a security system for the chicken coop."

Gary Alliance for Responsible Development was organized recently to fight against this new plant. The organization has called for a silent protest at the Gary City Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.



PUC student and Chronicle staff member, David Turpin discusses the proposed incinerator with another protestor, Todd Delany.

Police warn of purse thefts

by Jim Neil

Hammond police have been investigating a series of purse snatchings in the Woodmar section of Hammond, in an area bordering 165th and 175th and between Olcott and Knickerbocker.

Although no purse thefts have occurred on the Purdue University Calumet campus, patrolwoman Donna Hillier of the

PUC police department suggests that female students be alert and take precautions from becoming a victim.

Hillier said women who carry purses should put the shoulder strap across their bodies, or hold their purses tightly, making it difficult for someone to take their purse. "We're on the lookout for the offender, but we want the women to be

aware of the problem," Hillier said.

The suspect is a young black male in his 20's, approximately 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, well-dressed and clean shaven, with short hair.

If any student notices a person matching that description, they are asked to notify the PUC police department by using the emergency telephones on campus.

Concert choir performing Friday

The Black Student Union of Purdue University Calumet, as a part of its 1989 - 1990 Lyceum Series, will present the Prairie University A&M Choral Ensemble Friday, Oct. 13, at 12:15 p.m. in C-100.

The Prairie View A&M University Concert Choir has performed throughout Texas as well as the United States. The concert choir is presently preparing for its annual spring tour which will take members to the southwest United States.

The concert choir is under the direction of Thomas L. Wallace, assistant

professor of Music Education and director of choirs. Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest institution of higher education in the state of Texas. It had its beginnings in the Texas Constitution of 1876, which, in separate articles, established an "agricultural and mechanical college" and pledged that "separate schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both."

The concert is open to all students and faculty of PUC.

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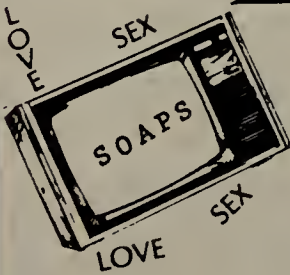
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